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1. IN ANY RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES WHICH MAY DEVELOP OUT OF MOZAMBICAN ACCEPTANCE OF CUBAN ALLEGATIONS THAT THE CIA WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXPLOSION ON THE CUBAN AIRLINER AND THE DEATH OF 73 PEOPLE, EMBASSY SHOULD REFER TO THE STATEMENT MADE BY SECRETARY KISSINGER ON OCTOBER 15.

2. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF QUESTION AND ANSWER OF SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE ON THAT DATE IN CAMBRIDGE, MASS.:

Q. MR. SECRETARY, HOW IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT RE-SPONDING TO FIDEL CASTRO'S STATMENT THAT HIS COUNTRY IS
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CANCELLING THE 1973 SKY-JACKING AGREEMENT WITH THE

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UNITED STATES?

A. FIRST, IN MY SPEECH TO THE UNITED NATIONS I CONDEMNED TERRORISM AS AN INSTRUMENT OF NATIONAL POLICY PURSUED BY ANY NATION, FOR WHATEVER CAUSE. THE UNITED

STATES IS NOT ENGAGED IN ANY ACTIVITY OF THIS KIND, AND THE CHARGE BY FIDEL CASTRO THAT THE UNITED STATES OR ITS GOVERNMENT, OR ANY AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE EXPLOSION OF THAT AIRLINE IS TOTALLY FALSE.

SECONDLY, WE THINK THAT IT IS AN ACT OF COMPLETE IRRESPONSIBILITY TO ENCOURAGE HIJACKING AT THIS MOMENT AT A TIME WHEN THE -- WHEN ONE OF THE BIGGEST OF HUMAN PROGLEMS IS THE TAKING OF HOSTAGES THAT CANNOT POSSIBLY INFLUENCE POLITICAL DECISIONS OR FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS. AND WE HAVE STATED TODAY, AND I REPEAT AGAIN, THAT WE WILL HOLD THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE FOR ANY ACTIONS THAT RESULT FROM THEIR DECISION.

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